

N.E.S. Blocks to Bhalki and Santpur Taluks in Bidar District.

Q.—1540. Sri BALWANT RAO (Bhalki).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they intend to start N.E.S. Blocks in the taluks of Bhalki and Santpur in Bidar district in view of their backward condition?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

There have been certain representations from Santpur taluk, Bidar district, for the extension of N.E.S. Scheme to that area. In this connection it may be stated that it is proposed to cover the entire State by the scheme, by stages, during Second Plan period. With regard to extending N.E. Scheme to these taluks, this will be considered on their merits at the time of allotment of Blocks.

*Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—I would like to add that the Santpur taluk has been allotted three extension blocks to be started in the month of June possibly.

Sri BALWANT RAO.—What is the reason for not starting N.E.S. blocks in the taluk of Bhalki?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Because we have not received sufficient number of blocks.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the taluk of Bhalki was not given N.E.S. block on the ground that it is likely to be transferred to Bombay State?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—No. Government has not made any discrimination on the ground of political ideology or party.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—What merits are taken into consideration in the allotment of blocks to various places?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—This has been stated many times on the floor of the House. There are several factors to be taken into consideration while allotting the N.E.S. blocks. Firstly, the contiguity of the area; secondly, the number of blocks availa-

ble from the Government of India; thirdly the popular enthusiasm; fourthly, the backwardness of the area; fifthly, the food potential; and another factor which is also taken into consideration is the percentage of population and area already covered by N.E.S. in a particular District.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಪಾಟೀಲ.—ಈ N.E.S. ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಂಥ ಜಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Agriculture Seminar at Hebbal.

Q.—1583. Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Agricultural Seminar was held at Hebbal and the expenditure incurred therefor and the person who presided over the Seminar;

(b) the purpose of holding such Seminar;

(c) whether any report of the Seminar was published for the benefit of the agricultural community in the State?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) The Agricultural Seminar was held at Hebbal from 12th May 1956 to 16th May 1956. The expenditure incurred for the Seminar is Rs. 17,000. The then Chief Minister of Mysore presided over the Seminar.

(b) The intention was to create an opportunity to the agriculturists to meet together, have group discussions on all important matters relating to agriculture and draw up resolutions (so that the resolutions passed may be a guide for taking decision while implementing the resolutions).

(c) No.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—To the question whether any report of the Seminar was published for the benefit of the agricultural community in the State, you have replied "No". To what Seminar this report relates?